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TWO-YEAR PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM -- PUBLIC HEALTH

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Today, there are about eight times as many infirmaries in North Korea as there were prior to 15 August 1945. In addition, there are 60 public-health centers and nine medical colleges. During the period preceding the liberation, there was not even one medical research center for contagious diseases nor one medical supply manufacturer, but today there are 489 health and medical research centers. In an effort to develop the public-health program on a par with national economic progress, the government has appropriated a sum of 710 million won for the fiscal year of 1949 and 780 million won for 1950.

In 1949, there were 11 hospitals but by 1950 there will be 24 hospitals in North Korea, and special emphasis will be placed upon children's hospitals, mental institutions, stomatological and gastroenteritic clinics.

Other aspects of the health program are as shown below:

	<u>1949</u>	<u>Planned by 1950</u>
No of hospital beds	1,445	1,960
Medical examination stations	134	165
Contagious disease control centers	16	33
Medical students to graduate	363	742
Epidemiological hospitals, sanitariums, and children's hospitals	415% (city) 365% (village)	461% (city) 427% (village)
(Increase here and in following items based on 1948)		

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	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Above-listed hospital beds	420% (city) 516% (village)	467% (city) 627% (village)
Emergency hospitals, maternity wards, clinics, etc.	15 times (city) 24 times (village)	15 times (city) 29 times (village)
Tuberculosis sanitariums for children and adults	6 times (sanitarium) 4 times (bed)	7 times (sanitarium) 5 times (bed)
Children's clinics and children's care centers	9 times (clinics, centers) 18 times (bed)	12 times (clinics, centers) 26 times (bed)
Contagious disease research centers, diagnostic clinics, sterilizing centers, etc.	11 times (centers) 14 times (drug mfg)	13 times (centers) 16 times (drug mfg)
Foreign clinical centers for villages	15 times	29 times

The goal of the Two-Year People's Economic Program is that not even a single township shall be without adequate medical facilities by the end of 1950.

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